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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

In the Specification

At page 5, sixth paragraph, lines 25-29, and page 6, first and second paragraphs, lines 1-8, replace with the following:

A, D: Single disulfide-bonded dimers. IgG1 antibodies typically have two disulfide bonds at the hinge region between the constant and variable domains. The Fc domain in Figures 1A and 1D may be formed by truncation between the two disulfide bond sites or by substitution of a cysteinyl residue with an unreactive residue (e.g., alanyl). In Figure 1A, the Fc domain is linked at the amino terminus of the peptides; in 1D, at the carboxyl terminus.

B, E: Doubly disulfide-bonded dimers. This Fc domain may be formed by truncation of the parent antibody to retain both cysteinyl residues in the Fc domain chains or by expression from a construct including a sequence encoding such an Fc domain. In Figure 1B, the Fc domain is linked at the amino terminus of the peptides; in 1E, at the carboxyl terminus.

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